

News Release

Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) at the U of M Crookston Hires Five Undergraduate Student Interns

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Five students will be a part of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston fall semester. These undergraduate interns will be working in areas of strength related to their majors to help CRES provide services and technical assistance to regional entrepreneurs and small businesses and to assist them in starting or growing their business.



The new student interns include Abbey Wemimo, sophomore majoring in business management from Lagos, Nigeria; Julie Trotter, a senior majoring in hotel, restaurant, and tourism management from Eagan Minn.; Stephanie Thomas, a senior double majoring in business management and marketing from St. Albert, Alberta, Canada; Yulia Wieland, a junior majoring in quality management from Crookston, Minn.; and Alvin Tong, a senior double majoring in business management and natural resources from Singapore.

Background

The Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES), funded through a grant from the funded through the Department of Education, assists entrepreneurs in Northwestern Minnesota with the development and creation of their entrepreneurial enterprise. CRES, located on the Crookston campus, serves eleven counties including Beltrami, Clearwater, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau. The services offered are based on the client's needs.

The mission of CRES is to encourage entrepreneurship through educational leadership, applied research, and insightful consulting. It engages the students, faculty, and research facilities of the University of Minnesota, Crookston in order to stimulate the entrepreneurial culture and strengthen the economic vitality of northwest Minnesota.

The CRES is housed in Dowell Hall 117. For information, call 218-281-8595 (cres@tc.umn.edu), or visit www.umccres.org.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including 10 online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,450 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

In the photo, left to right: Abbey Wemimo, Julie Trotter, Stephanie Thomas, Yulia Wieland, and Alvin Tong.

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